

REMARKS

The specification as been amended to correct certain grammatical errors and omissions. No new matter has been added.

Applicant has amended Claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 7 consistent with Examiner's comment.

Claim 7 has been canceled.

Rejection under 35 USC §103

Claims 1-6 and 8-10 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Beglinger (4,687,434) in view of Chou (5,772,905).

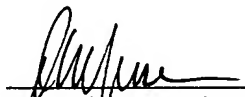
Having amended claim 1 by incorporating the limitations of claim 7 Applicant now urges that claim 1 and claims 2-6 and 8-10 dependent therefrom now patentably distinguish over the prior art and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

CONCLUSION

Having overcome the rejection of claims 1-6 and 8-10 under 35 USC §103, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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